



**Excerpt English Translation of FR 2 767 303**

[Description referring to drawings]

Referring to these drawings, the device comprises a flexible tube of expandable plastic material (1) being flexible and light in non-limiting, exemplified dimensions for adults in the order of 160 cm length and 6 cm diameter and expanded in its center to about 15 cm for allowing to support the head. The plane "control" surfaces (2) at the two ends are in the order of 40 cm length and 17 cm width made of a rigid plastic material, in total about 240 cm and with vivid phosphorescent color. The size "children" has proportionally reduced dimensions.

Without water movement - be it for pleasure or for necessity - the device ensures floating height of the swimmer body, wherein the central tube (1) passes below the armpits either in front of or behind the body.

Figure 2 represents the swimmer being on the back, wherein the central tube (1) passes behind the body and rises from below the armpits, wherein the hands are gripping the chamfered portions (3) provided at the base of the control surfaces, wherein the extending arms confer a rotative front/back movement on the control surfaces, thereby generating a drive in water in a desired direction, for example for reaching the coast when necessary.

In another embodiment of the device according to the invention - cf. Figure 3 - a loop around the central tube body (1) at the point of the breast of a swimmer being in a difficult situation, functions as rescue buoy with an efficient marking.

Specifically, a fixation detent (4) for penetration according to a "male/female" system in rapid, ease and sure manner is located at the level of the hand grip portions (3) and firmly fixes the device around the body. The colored control surfaces (2) are automatically situated in a rising position above the breast, higher than the water level and higher than the level of the head (6), thereby facilitating searching for the "man of the sea".